

## Professional World

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## THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Alfred H. Prescott of Cambridge, Wis., committed suicide in a hotel at the state capital by taking poison.

Fire destroyed Parsons college at Fairfield, Ia., a Presbyterian institution founded in 1875. The loss is \$50,000.

Ed Sparks and Horace Meredith were arrested at Onarga, Ill., on the charge of murdering a farmer two years ago.

Chief Charlots, the famous Indian scout of the Rocky mountain district, is dead on the Flathead reservation in Montana.

Henry Peckman, a well-to-do farmer, living near Sandwich, Ill., died of injuries received in a runaway, caused by an automobile.

The biennial state convention of the Illinois branch of the Catholic Knights of America opened at Quincy with a large attendance.

Cholera made Miss Jeanette Williams of Denver, Col., a widow an hour after she had married Rudolph Zumstein of Laporte, Ind., a teacher in the schools of Manila.

Jacob Spawr, one of the best known residents of central Illinois, died at his home in Lexington, Ill., aged 100 years. He had lived in that vicinity since 1828, coming with the first settlers from Westmoreland county, Pa.

Sam J. Roberts, formerly a citizen of Canton, O., but now editor of a Lexington, Ky., paper, sent a check for \$567 to the McKinley memorial fund. He was disappointed at the showing Kentucky was making, and raised the amount among his friends.

A permit was issued by the auditor of public accounts at Springfield, Ill., for the organization of a Trust and Savings bank at Aurora, to A. C. Miller, O. H. Gabel, John Hurley and J. S. Sherrer. It will have a capital of \$1,000,000.

The appraiser of the port of New York announced that diamonds and other precious stones valued at more than \$2,000,000 had been received and passed at the public stores in the last four weeks. Such importations have exceeded \$600,000 since Wednesday last.

Lieutenant Arthur McArthur, U. S. N., son of Major General McArthur, and Miss Mary McCalla, daughter of Commander Bowman H. McCalla, U. S. N., were married at Newport, R. I., at noon yesterday at All Saint's Memorial church.

At Omaha car men, including carpenters and painters, employed in the Union Pacific shops in this city, struck Monday. The strike is a protest against the piece work system, and the leaders say all the car men in the system will be asked to quit work.

A member of the Grand Trunk railroad construction gang was found dead between the cars of the construction train at Mill Creek, Ind. Coroner Bowell, who is investigating the mysterious death, has been unable to determine the cause. There are no marks on the body, so that he is not believed to have met a violent death. He came from Chicago a few days ago and went under the name of J. Bradley, although he told some of the other men that his name was J. McDermott.

The highest temperatures of the season were recorded throughout Arkansas Friday. Near Van Buren five laborers on the Iron Mountain railroad were overcome by heat and three are dead. At Alma there was one death from the heat. But one prostration is reported at Little Rock. The maximum temperature for the day was 94 degrees.

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A telegram received at Paris from Oran, Algeria, says that a party of Moors recently attacked a French military supply column near Ain Delkell, and that numbers were killed or wounded on both sides. Troops have gone in pursuit of the Moors.

The deal is practically completed for the transfer of the mining properties of the Great Northern Mining and Development company at Cliff Edge, Mont., to a syndicate of Eastern capitalists, headed by John A. Drake. The total consideration is said to be about \$1,000,000.

Two boys, Charles and William Anderson, living three miles south of Kenosha, Wis., were arrested for throwing stones at the train known as the Zion City special. Two large stones crashed through the windows, but no one was injured. It is claimed that the dislike for Dowle is the cause of the assaults.

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Fifteen-year-old Willie Bergh, who stole a \$400 team of horses at Janesville, Wis., Saturday, eluding 100 officers, and traveling 300 miles, before he was captured at Lodi yesterday, confessed that his homelickness for his mother drove him to the crime. The boy says he had no money and merely intended driving home and then telegraphing to the owner of the rig.

Nathan Manzer has brought suit against Edmund Bailey, a prominent resident of Racine, Wis., for \$1,000, alleging that amount is due him for introducing Bailey to Mrs. Calvin Peck, a widow, who was bequeathed an estate of \$90,000 by her first husband, who died about a year ago, aged 85 years. A few months ago Mrs. Peck and Bailey were married and Manzer has tried to collect the money in vain.

Four more victims, making six in all, died Tuesday as a result of burns received by the bursting of a kerosene can which was being used to ignite a fire at the home of C. N. McCormey at Gering, Neb. The mother, a son, and two children of a neighbor died yesterday.

## THE TOWN BOMBARDED

CIUDAD BOLIVAR SHELLED DAY AND NIGHT.

Town Now in Hands of the Rebels—Village of Limbe Retaken From Firmite Forces After Severe Fighting—Towns Taken by Firmite—No Authentic News From Agua Dulce.

Washington, Aug. 27.—United States Minister Bowen at Caracas, advises the state department by telegraph, that a government warship recently arriving at La Guayra reports that for two days she bombarded Ciudad Bolivar, after which she withdrew, having exhausted her ammunition.

Ciudad Bolivar is still in the power of the revolutionists. The town was fire upon day and night by the gunboats Bolivar and Restaurador, which attempted to land forces to re-occupy the place. About 600 shells were fired into the city. When the ammunition of the Restaurador was exhausted she left for La Guayra to obtain additional supplies, after which the bombardment will be resumed. There are no foreign warships in the Orinoco river to protect the interests of the powers and the British government is being blamed in certain quarters for abandoning 3,000 subjects of Great Britain who reside in the district of Ciudad Bolivar.

Village of Limbe Recaptured.

Cape Haytien, Aug. 27.—The village of Limbe, 32 miles north of Port au Prince, has been recaptured by troops of the provisional government. Limbe was in possession of Firmite soldiers. The fighting was severe and lasted from midnight last night to midday today. Many on both sides were killed. The town was completely destroyed by fire. The defenders of Limbe were reinforced by marines landed from the gunboat Crete-a-Pierrot which is in the Firmite service. General Alex Nord has gone forward to take command of the troops of the provisional government.

A battle also took place today at Marmelade, but details of this engagement are lacking. Cape Haytien is calm.

The United States cruiser Cincinnati arrived this morning from La Guayra, Venezuela. Troops of the provisional government under Gen. Nord were defeated Aug. 26th at Limbe by forces under Gen. Albert Salnave, commander of the Artibonite Firmite soldiers. Nord's cannon and munitions of war were captured in this engagement, many of his soldiers killed and a great number taken prisoners.

Marmelade was captured Aug. 7th by troops under Gen. Nord. St. Michael was captured the same day. Nord is at present minister of war under the provisional government.

No News From Agua Dulce.

Colon, Colombia, Aug. 27.—The government is without authentic news from Agua Dulce, but it believes that in spite of the non-receipt of supplies by General Berti, and doubtless continued insurgent attacks upon his forces, this general is still holding his ground and bearing bravely, alone with the rest of his followers, the privations incident to the siege of Agua Dulce, which has already lasted nearly a month.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Aug. 26.—The Dutch government has notified Venezuela it refused to recognize the blockade of Venezuelan ports as being non-effective.

No Steps Taken.

Washington, Aug. 27.—In view of cable reports from Europe indicating a movement on foot to have the United States join Germany, France and other powers with a view to suppressing disorder in Venezuela, it is learned at the state department that no such move as the one suggested has taken official form. It is the belief of officials that the report grows out of a request made by some foreign powers about a month ago that the United States join in a declaration that the blockade established by the Venezuelan government was ineffective. At that time the American government declined to enter into a concert for this declaration, on the theory that if the Venezuelan blockade was ineffective it was quite needless to make an international declaration of the fact, as the ineffectiveness of the blockade would serve all practical needs of commerce. Since then there has been no steps taken by foreign powers toward a concert of action with the United States relative to Venezuela.

## PEOPLE'S PARTY OF ILLINOIS.

Full State Ticket Placed in the Field at Springfield Yesterday—Resolutions Favor Initiative.

Springfield, Aug. 27.—The People's party of Illinois today nominated the following: Clerk of supreme court, W. V. Scott, Marion county; treasurer, Dietrick Balser, Macdonough; superintendent of public instruction, W. D. Gillet, Fulton; Trustees of university, Richard Stanley, Morgan; Henry Johnson, Vermillion; the state committee will select the third candidate. Joseph A. Hopp, Chicago, Col. J. S. Feller, Springfield, A. U. Valne, Flora, were named as members of the national committee. The resolutions favor the initiative and referendum; oppose convict labor and blacklisting of employees; favor government ownership of anthracite mines.

Commission Sails.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 26.—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, and his fellow members of the senate Hawaii commission, sail today on the City of Peking for Honolulu. The commission purposes to spend a month or more in the islands in order to make a thorough investigation of the industrial and other conditions with a view to ascertaining the island's need in the way of future legislation.

Mont Pelee Threatening.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, Aug. 26.—Advices from Dominica today say that Monday clouds of dust were seen in the direction of Mont Pelee, and that detonations at long intervals were heard till the morning. Light showers of volcanic dust fell on Dominica.

## NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

James Linde of Union County Named by Twenty-fifth Illinois District Democrats.

Jonesboro, Ill., Aug. 27.—The Democratic congressional convention for the Twenty-fifth Illinois district convened today at Jonesboro. On the first ballot the convention named Hon. Jas. Linde of Union county as candidate. This is the second convention held to name a candidate. Hon. Reed Green of Cairo having first accepted and at the request of his father later declined the nomination. The nominee is 42 years of age and a lawyer by profession. He comes of a long line of Democratic men who have always been noted for their strict adherence to Democratic principles. The district is represented in congress at the present time by the Hon. George W. Smith.

California Republicans.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 27.—Soon after reassembling today the Republican state convention adopted a platform. It deplored the death of McKinley, endorsed the Roosevelt administration; condemns trusts and favors legislation to restrain and prevent them, and approves the efforts of the president to enforce the law. Three ballots were taken for governor without choice and the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

Paris, Ill., Aug. 27.—H. C. Bell, attorney of Marshall, Clarke & Co., was nominated for congress today by the Democrats of the Eighteenth district.

## TIMBER HOLDINGS ABLAZE.

A Solid Mass of Flames Working Through the Woods at a Furious Rate.

Rhineland, Wis., Aug. 27.—Forest fires are raging about here. From Hobson, four miles this way, there is a solid mass of flames that is working through the timber at a furious rate. Both sides of the timber holdings of the Paine Lumber company and the Menasha Woodmen company are ablaze, and unless checked by rain will cause great damage. A big fire is reported this side of Three Lakes, also near the mill property of the Yawkey Lumber company at Hazlehurst.

## MEN HELD UP ON THE PRAIRIE

Three Brothers Robbed by Masked Men Near Fargo, N. D.—One Seriously Wounded.

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 27.—Three brothers named Sweet from White Earth, Minn., camping near here, were held up last night by three masked men. The oldest brother resisted and was shot in the back and abdomen and is in a critical condition. His assailant, John Rooney, was captured. The younger brothers were robbed of gold watches and some money.

## MINES NOW BEING OPERATED.

Avondale Mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Being Worked by Experienced Men

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 27.—President Mitchell and the United Mine Workers' executive boards of three anthracite districts were in session at strike headquarters tonight. After the conference Mitchell said only routine business was transacted. Active operations are going on in several mines in the Wyoming region looking to early resumption. Despite denials from strike headquarters it is learned there are a number of experienced miners at work in the Avondale mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western company, and today several miners were engaged to go to work in the Drance mine.

## WITH THE MODERN WOODMEN.

Annual Meeting of Northwest Missouri Log Rolling Association—Many in Attendance.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 26.—St. Joseph is in the hands of nearly 10,000 members of the Modern Woodmen of America, who are here for the annual meeting of the Northwest Missouri Log Rolling association. The affair is the biggest of its kind ever held in this section, the visiting teams coming from numerous points in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, as well as Missouri. This morning there was a monster parade following which the visitors went to Lake Country for the speech-making, athletic contests and other features of the program. The gathering continues through tomorrow.

## AMERICA WELL REPRESENTED.

International Congress of Commerce and Industry—Americans in Attendance.

Brussels, Aug. 26.—A majority of the countries of the civilized world have delegates at the International Congress of Commerce and Industry, which began its sessions today at Ostend. The United States is particularly well represented, the delegates from that country including John Field of Philadelphia, F. A. Vandell of New York, William E. English of Indianapolis, Irving M. Scott of San Francisco, and J. O. Whelpley of Washington, D. C.

The present congress is the result of a movement begun at the Paris exposition. The discussions, which are to continue five days, are conducted under three heads: Economics, stock legislation and industrial pensions. While there is nothing binding in its deliberations or conclusions, the congress may bring about, at least a better, if not a complete, understanding among the great nations of the world that have shown signs in the last two or three years of breaking out into commercial warfare.

Passion Players Wed.

Munich, Bavaria, Aug. 27.—Anton Lang, the Christus of the Oberammergau passion play, and Matilda Rutz, daughter of the blacksmith of the village of Oberammergau and a participant in the play, were married today.

## TALKS ON THE TRUSTS

ROOSEVELT BEGINS WEEK WITH PLEA FOR THE PEOPLE.

When a Corporation is Sued for Violating the Law It is for the Benefit of Property—All Men Must Obey the Law—He Advocates National Legislation to Give the Government Control of Big Corporations.

Boston, Aug. 26.—The week's work for President Roosevelt in his trip through New England began in earnest this afternoon when he departed from the summer home of Senator Lodge, at Nahant, and, amid the enthusiasm of the greatest number of people he has faced since his Pittsburgh visit, July 4, he rode into Lynn under cavalry escort and spoke from a platform at the city hall. Then he was taken to Boston by special train and on arrival went to Symphony hall, there addressing a great gathering of business men. His speech here was devoted almost entirely to consideration of the trust question.

From the hall the president went to the Hotel Jourette, where a little later in the evening he was the guest of Governor Crane at dinner.

Tomorrow morning the presidential party will start for Maine.

The president tonight spoke on trusts, declaring that the opening that he did not come to say he had discovered a cure-all for trusts. The president then, as a preliminary to the main topic, devoted considerable time to showing the duty of a citizen in respect to his relations to the government.

"I am far from being against property when I ask that the question of trusts be taken up," said the president. "I am acting in the most conservative sense in property interest. When a great corporation is sued for violating the anti-trust law it is not a move against property; it is a move in favor of property, because when you can make it evident that all men, big and small alike, have to obey the law, you are putting the safeguard of law around all men. When you make it evident no man shall be excused for violating law you make it evident every man will be protected from violation of law. I am inclined to think that the greatest trouble in any immediate handling of the question of trusts comes from our system of government. On the whole our system of government has worked marvelously well, the system of dividing the functions of government, of arranging a scheme under which, Maine, Louisiana, Oregon, Idaho, New York and South Carolina can all come in together for certain purposes and yet each be allowed to work its own salvation as it desires, along certain lines. But while I most firmly believe in the fixity of policy, I do not believe policy should be fossilized, and if it is to be changed we must change our governmental method to meet it."

The president declared he was not advocating anything very revolutionary; that he was advocating action to prevent anything revolutionary. Continuing, he said: "Now, if we can get adequate control by the nation of these corporations, then we can pass legislation which will give us the power of regulation and supervision over them. If the nation had that power, mind you, I should advocate as strenuously as I knew how that power should be exercised with extreme caution and self-restraint. No good will come from plunging in without having looked carefully ahead."

The president placed much stress on publicity as to the essential facts in which the public has interest, expressing the belief that publicity itself would cure many evils. Anti-trust laws, he said, will be enforced as far as they go. There has been considerable discussion as to whether a trust aimed at would not seek to get out from under the law by becoming a single corporation.

"I want laws to enable us to deal with it, no matter what shape it takes. I want to see the government able to get at it definitely so that the action of the government cannot be evaded by any turning within or without federal or state statutes. I do not think you can get action by any state, or action by all the states that will give us satisfactory control of trusts or big corporations, and the result is that at present we have a sea of powerful artificial creation which has no creator to which it is responsible. What I hope to see is power given the national legislature which shall make control real. It would be an excellent thing if we could have all states act on somewhat similar lines, so it would be unnecessary for the national government to act, but all of you know perfectly well states will not act on somewhat similar lines."

The president expressed the belief that it was possible to frame national legislation which will give more power, at any rate, over corporations doing interstate business.

Fifty-seven Orders Represented. Denver, Col., Aug. 26.—Fifty-seven leading fraternal insurance orders are represented at the meeting of the National Fraternal congress, which began in Denver today. The object of the meeting is to secure uniform action and to gather information to better guide the orders in their future conduct of business, especially as regards their insurance departments. The officers in charge of the meeting are H. A. Warner of Topeka, president; J. A. Langfitt of Baltimore, vice president; and M. W. Sackett, of Meadville, Pa., secretary. Mr. Langfitt, the present vice president, is a leading candidate for the presidency in succession to Dr. Warner. Mr. Sackett is a leader of the Royal Arcanum and one of the best-known fraternal insurance men in the country.

## MINNESOTA HIBERNIANS.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 26.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians in Minnesota is in a flourishing condition as shown by the reports prepared for the fifteenth state convention, which opened in Phoenix hall today. Prior to the business sessions the delegates marched to the Immaculate Conception church, where high mass was celebrated. The ladies' auxiliary of the order is also in session.

## Lumber Company Fails.

Kansas City, Aug. 27.—Receivers have been appointed for the Culver Lumber company. Assets \$650,000; liabilities, \$250,000.

## NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

Treasury Department Clerk is Discharged by Secretary Shaw—Dividend to Bank Creditors

Boston, Aug. 26.—With reference to the statement that Lieutenant General Miles is going to the Philippines, Secretary Cortelyou said tonight: "General Miles is going to the Philippines with the permission of the president to inspect army conditions there."

Washington, Aug. 25.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw ordered the dismissal from the treasury department of Lorenzo G. Warfield, clerk in the division of bookkeeping and warrants. The attention of the department was called a few days ago to a circular said to have been issued by an organization of which Warfield was treasurer. The circular gave plans of the proposed association by which stockholders could probably reap large returns from a scheme to play the races. One clause in the circular cited the fact that Warfield held an important position in the treasury, and gave this as an evidence of the responsibility of the association. The dismissal was based upon the use of the department's name in this connection.

Secretary Shaw has returned to Washington and will remain till toward the end of the week, when he will go to his Vermont home to meet President Roosevelt. Attorney General Knox will sail for France Wednesday on the steamship Oceanic.

The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of 10 per cent in favor of the creditors of the insolvent LeMars national bank, LeMars, Iowa.

The insular division of the war department has just published its last summary of the commerce of Cuba. The summary shows the total value of imports into Cuba during the military occupation was \$223,437,135, and exports \$45,000,000 less than the imports. A fact attributed to the destruction of property and damage to agriculture caused by war. The United States furnished 43 per cent of the imports, and took 75 per cent of the exports. Practically all the sugar went to the United States. The balance of trade was decidedly in favor of Cuba, though not so great as in former years, and it is remarked that the trade of the United States has not kept pace in any of the Latin-American countries with its wonderful strides in other parts of the world.

## REPAIRS ON NAVAL VESSELS.

Ships Long Out of Commission to be Hurried Into Shape to Take Part in Naval Maneuvers.

Washington, Aug. 25.—While the joint army and navy maneuvers are progressing work will be carried on steadily at the navy yards along the Atlantic coast upon a number of vessels which have been long out of commission, and which are being hurried into shape for the great naval maneuvers in the Caribbean next January. At Portsmouth, N. H., the protected cruiser Raleigh and the unprotected cruiser Detroit are getting ready, while at Boston are the protected cruiser New York and supply ship Culgoza; at the New York yard, the protected cruiser Baltimore; and at Norfolk the second class battleship Texas, are being put in shape. These vessels, together with a number of torpedo craft, which are now laid up, constitute all of the additional warships which will be pressed into service for the big rendezvous in the West Indies.

## LARGE INCREASE IN EARNINGS.

Report of Chicago & Northwestern Shows Increased Earnings of Over Three Millions.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—The annual report of the Chicago & Northwestern railway for the fiscal year ended May 31 was issued today. It shows the total earnings for the year were \$46,644,121, an increase of \$3,545,534 over the last fiscal year. The expenses were \$41,343,241, leaving the net earnings \$5,300,880. Bonds issued and assumed during year, \$19,115,500; bonds amounting to \$794,000 were retired, leaving an increase of \$9,321,500 in bonded debt.

## BANK WRECKER GOES TO PEN.

H. St. John Dix Sentenced to Ten Years in the Penitentiary of State of Washington.

Whitcomb, Wash., Aug. 26.—Judge Neterer today overruled a motion for a new trial for H. St. John Dix and sentenced him to ten years in the penitentiary, the limit in this state. Dix was convicted of wrecking the Scandinavian-American bank of this city. He fled to England and was arrested there about 10 o'clock.

## ARMY AND NAVY MANEUVERS.

Text of the Rules Agreed Upon for Coming Maneuvers Given Out by Gen. MacArthur.

New York, Aug. 25.—Major General MacArthur made public today the text of the rules agreed upon for the coming army and navy maneuvers. The whole scheme of operations is based upon the assumption that, in anticipation of a declaration of hostilities, a strong hostile fleet without torpedo boats, determines to make a sudden dash on the Eastern entrance of Long Island sound to secure a naval base, in the expectation of finding the land forces, in the absence of a declaration of war, in a somewhat unprepared condition. All arrangements are made to the smallest details, of everything pertaining to defense by land forces. The period of hostilities will cover the period from midnight of August 31st to noon of Sept. 6th. The attacking fleet will consist of 15 ships, of which five will rank as battleships and the rest as cruisers and gunboats.

## Visible Grain Supply.

Chicago, Aug. 26.—The visible supply of grain in the United States is as follows: Wheat, 20,639,000 bu., a decrease from a year ago of 5,318,000 bu.; corn, 3,023,000 bu., a decrease of 9,182,000 bu.; oats 2,072,000 bu., a decrease of 4,142,000 bu.

## SUICIDE ON THE OCEAN

MICHIGAN MILLIONAIRE JUMPS OVERBOARD.

A. G. Mitchell Sprang Into the Pacific August 12, When Vessel Was Three Days Out from San Francisco—Y. M. C. A. World's Congress Concludes Its Sessions at Christiania, Norway—Foreign News

Honolulu, Aug. 16, via San Francisco, Aug. 25.—A. G. Mitchell, reputed to be a millionaire from Michigan, a passenger on the Coptic, suicided on August 12 when the vessel was three days out from San Francisco. Mitchell, who was accompanied by Dr. C. E. Miller and nurse, was reported to be on a trip around the world for his health. The morning of his death he was talking to two ladies on the promenade deck. Suddenly he ran to the side of the vessel and sprang overboard. The steamer was stopped, but there was no trace of Mitchell found. His mind, it is thought, was unhinged by illness.

A. G. Mitchell was the head of the Michigan Lumber company, of Cadillac, Mich. He had been in San Diego for the past year. He leaves a son and daughter. Dr. Miller, who accompanied Mitchell, returned to the city today. He says Mitchell's death was an accident and that the millionaire fell into the sea.

## News from Norway.

Christiania, Norway, Aug. 23.—The Young Men's Christian Association World's congress, which opened here Aug. 19, closed on Sunday night when the president made his farewell address, and a representative of each nationality said a few words in recognition of the generous conception tendered of the association. The final service took place subsequently in the church of the Holy Redeemer, Prince Oscar Bernotte, second son of King Oscar, participating.

Great veins of rich iron ore are reported to have been discovered at Vadso, province of Troms. The claim is made that the ore contains 50 per cent of iron.

## The Kaiser at Brandenburg.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—At a Brandenburg dinner at the new palace in Potsdam tonight Emperor William made an eloquent speech of welcome to representatives of Brandenburg, and toasted the Marquis of Brandenburg as the solid pillar upon which the whole fabric of the empire rested. After dinner the emperor and empress conversed at length with their guests.

The Prussian railroad administration has reduced freight rates on exports or iron, including wire, locomotives, cars, cranes and pig iron. The action taken is in response to an appeal from the Western manufacturers.

## COTTON STATES ASSOCIATION.

Commissioners of Agriculture From Southern States Meet in Annual Convention at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 26.—The cotton States Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, composed of the agricultural commissioners of Alabama, Arkansas, Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and North Carolina, began its fourth annual meeting in Nashville today with a full attendance of members and a considerable number of other visitors. The convention, which will continue for three days, has for its object the discussion and exchange of views concerning cotton culture, irrigation, swine breeding and other matters relating to the agricultural development of the South. The opening session of the convention was occupied with the reports of officers and committees. Governor McMillin greeted the visitors on behalf of the state and Mayor Head delivered the city's welcome. Response was embodied in the annual address of the president of the association, Commissioner S. L. Patterson of North Carolina.

## Baroness Becomes Nun.

New Orleans, Aug. 27.—The Baroness de Branca of Bavaria today became a member of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Besides probation, it required years to obtain the consent of relatives and the government, and it was only today she took the final vows at the convent here.

## MARKET REPORTS.

### Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Butter—Market was steady. Creameries, 15¢; dairies, 14¢; 12¢. Eggs—Steady at 17¢. Live Poultry—Market easy. Turkeys, 12¢; 13¢; chickens, 10¢; 11¢. Close on Rye—September, 70¢.

### Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Cattle—There was no particular change today. Receipts light, 5,350 head, including 3,000 western range. Prime cattle have stopped coming, few really good fat lots being offered. The quality of range consignments being much poorer than early in the season. Medium to good killing natives were mostly 15¢; 16¢; higher, owing to the reduced supply. Good to prime steers, \$7.75; 8¢; poor to medium, \$4.00; 5¢; stockers and feeders, \$2.50; 3¢; 4¢; calves, \$2.75; 3¢; 4¢. Hogs—Owing to light supplies, 11,000 head were received this morning. Purchasers eager to take hold. Prices on spot being up 10¢; 12¢. It is now predicted that hogs will sell higher than ever, unless receipts increase a good deal in the near future. Mixed and butchers, \$7.10; 7.5¢; good to choice heavy, \$7.50; 7.75; rough heavy, \$6.50; 7.00; light, \$7.10; 7.50; bulk sales, \$7.50; 7.75.

Sheep—With receipts 15,000 today sheep was somewhat scarcer and unchanged. There was a good demand at steady prices. Sheep, \$2.50; 3¢; lambs, slow at \$2.50; 3¢.

### Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 27.—Wheat closing Sept., 64¢; December, 64¢; on track No. 1 hard, 78¢; No. 1 northern, 86¢; No. 2 northern, 72¢; 73¢.

### St. Louis Live Stock.

St. Louis, Aug. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,600 head; market steady; beef steers, \$3.50; 4¢; stockers and feeders, \$2.45; 4¢; cows and heifers, \$2.25; 3¢; 4¢; calves, \$2.75; 3¢; 4¢. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000 head; market 10¢; 20¢ higher; range, \$7.25; 7.50.